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SPIRIT HABITATION, OR PLANETARY LIFE.

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A MEMBER OF THE
AMERICAN AND EASTERN CONGRESS
IN SPIRIT LIFE.

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Inspirational Writer and Amanuensis.

In discussing the subject of Re-incarnation or the act by which the Soul takes upon itself the laws of existence thro' a new physical body, we find many persons of the earth-life who are already sufficiently developed in Soul-growth to comprehend, in a degree, the intricate laws which govern the Soul thro' its varied degrees of unfoldment.

Yet, there are other persons who are unable to see or clearly understand what need the Soul can have for this Re-incarnation of itself with the child form. Consequently, we have been called upon to answer questions bearing directly thereon. And will now proceed to answer such questions as have been submitted to this, our medium and amanuensis.

QUES. By S. A. Danforth—

How can a spirit, with 60 years development in the material form in earth life, pass out, and retrograde or go back to the infant child-form again—take possession of matter at conception?

ANS. The size of the physical body does not determine the wisdom of the Soul attached to that body; neither does a limited number of years necessarily determine the growth of the Soul.

The child is, oftentimes, wiser in Soul-intuition, than a man of 60 years, so to speak; while, again, the man of 60 years may have ample cause to feel proud of his wisdom compared to that of some younger

person.

But to adjudge a person of being wise according to the experiences of one generation, can only be, in the sense of limitation. Thus, what one generation may call wisdom, another generation will look upon as limited knowledge.

The term wisdom, should imply the having a full knowledge of facts.

The mingling together of people in what is known as the conformity to laws of social standing, tends to dwarf, in a great degree, many of the intuitive faculties of being, and of the individual expression of Soul-growth; while, at the same time, many other faculties are abnormally developed.

Thus, the physical body is matured to 60 or 90 years, yet the Soul is restrained in its spontaneity of action; and after dissolution or the change from the physical to the spiritual stages of life has taken place, then the Soul feels its loss—feels the check that has been placed upon its identity. And owing to this loss, the Soul must needs start anew; it must needs conform to the laws of all natural things, and begin at the beginning.

This is done, as we stated in last chapter, by various methods, by spirit control and Re-incarnation.

The Soul does not retrograde in again taking upon itself, or, more rightly speaking, in taking command of the child-form again. For, if the Soul has been prevented from perfecting every faculty thro' the first body, it must, of necessity, take another body, and practice thro' and upon that body.

But to retrograde, the Soul would lose its former experience, which it does not do in case of what is termed Re-incarnation. For the Soul will profit by its former life, altho' the physical brain may not take on the knowledge of this former life, yet, in some instances, it does.

Let it be remembered, as we have formerly stated, that the Soul does not dwell inside of the physical body, like the kernel in the shell, but the Soul, which is the individual, is within the spirit body, and this spirit body is attached to the physical body by Psychic attraction and Magnetic bands.

Thus you will the more readily

comprehend that what is termed Re-incarnation, does not imply that the spirit body dwells in the physical body, but is environed by the Magnetism of the physical body, and becomes a part of that body while that body is held together by its Magnetic power.

For as soon as the Magnetic power of the physical body is destroyed or shattered, then dissolution begins, and the clairvoyant eye can see the spirit body separating itself from the physical body at what is termed death.

The Magnetic aura which emanates from some physical bodies is, oftentimes, so dense as to completely environ the spirit body, and the spirit body cannot, in the average cases, be seen even by the clairvoyant or clear seer. But in cases where the Magnetic emanations are pure and fine in composition, the spirit body and the physical body are seen at the same time.

These facts prove, as we have said, that the Soul has a spirit and physical body.

QUES. By Abner White—

Does the spirit body change like the physical body?

ANS. Not exactly the same as with the physical body does the spirit body change; for, while the physical body is changed to atoms thro' death, the spirit body becomes more translucent and fine in ethereal development, yet retains its contour by the strength of its Soul-power.

We hope that our readers may be enabled to understand this thought, when we assure them that the Soul may become so developed in spirit and ethereal growth that it will require no body—only the head is needed, the trunk of the body being like a cumbersome, useless appendage to the Soul.

Yet this stage of development is only made use of when spirits meet in large groups around some brilliant and illuminating Planet. For the powerful light of some Planets will dissolve the tissue of the spirit body. But the laws of the spirit body are such, that when the Soul moves away from the direct rays of said Planet, the spirit body will again take form and assist the brain or head—which

is a microcosm for the Soul to traverse where it (the Soul) may desire.

The spirit body serves as a support to the head, the same as the trunk of the physical body is to the physical brain.

These statements will, doubtless, appear dubious and uncertain of truth to most of our readers. But they are, for all that, positive facts, which the higher degrees of spirit and Soul development will disclose to the mind.

QUES. By J. H. Y.—

I cannot comprehend how a spirit can divest itself of its individuality and earth-life experience, and again enter the mother's womb, be born, live, may be, to old age, and add another and a diverse experience to the one already stored in the spirit world.

ANS. The spirit body does not enter the womb of the mother parent, as above stated, the spirit body is outside of the physical body. And to every child that is born of the earth or physical body, there is a spirit body or counter-part. This counter-part receives the Soul-essence, which is the indestructible portion of the being, the seat of which is in the head.

To J. H. Y., and others who are alike puzzled in understanding the subject termed Re-incarnation, we would say: Do away with the idea that the physical body contains the Soul or the individual, and recognize that it is the spirit body that receives the Soul; and that this spirit body is brought into such close environment with the physical body that the two act as one body: and in case of a spirit desiring to again master the physical life thro' the child body, the parents receive the environment of the spirit body, and the child born is a Re-incarnation of, or a Magnetic environment of a Soul of prior existence. And the spirit body around that child's physical body will be in resemblance to the one of prior existence; the physical body and brain will, likewise, partake of the contour and nature of the previous body.

The Soul-knowledge of such a child, will be more mature than that of ordinary childhood; but the size and development of the body will be

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As Editress, we feel grateful to all our contributors and co-workers, and trust that we may continue to work together for the good of all.

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For we are taught by our Spirit guides, that the objects in Nature are the true and natural symbols which define character, and express the correct language of the Soul.

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in keeping with the laws of physical growth.

All thro' the infantile and minor years of development, which is the flexible stage of physical life, there will be a better opportunity for the Soul to master such faculties of the organic or physical body, as were difficult or unapproachable thro' the circumstances and conditions surrounding its former physical body.

Thus, it will be recognized that, for a man to have attained to the age of 90 years or more, and to have been deemed well-read, and skilled in different branches of Art; and to have been a master of Ethics, and a Philosopher of life, does not signify that he has attained the Soul-mastery over the physical life; nor, that he has no further use for the experiences of earth life.

These experiences are, in many cases, attained thro' associations with mediums of earth, but for a specific work, the Re-incarnation act is made use of.

In fact, the more the mind grasps of the deep problems of life, the deeper will the Soul need to experiment.

And the different phases of spirit influence, including that of Re-incarnation, are nearing the *Ultimum* or final stages, wherein the Soul commands, of the spirit and physical body, obedience to itself—its *Will-power*.

A Philosopher of deep study, after entering spirit life, is more likely to be interested in the phase termed Re-incarnation, than is one who has not attained to the development of Soul beyond mere pleasure, and attachment to earthly recollections.

Such, would not have the knowledge of how to attain this Re-incarnation.

Their first experience of return lies in controlling some medium, and thus acquiring the different stages of power whereby the spirit overcomes the physical body.

Further remarks will be given on other important questions, bearing on this subject.

[Our readers are invited to ask such questions as they may desire answered on the above subject of Re-incarnation.—*Amanuensis*.]

Written for The Watchman.

SCANDAL.

It was only a breath, a foul, dank breath,
That whispered of sin and shame;
Yet it fluttered around and hovered about
Till it blackened a fair, good name.

Sin—what is sin? and what is shame?
Let the answer come from within
And tell me this—is not lying, a shame?
Is not all uncharity, sin?

Who dares to judge of his brother's heart?
Or how white is his sister's Soul?
Look well, instead, that your own be clean
When the curtain that hides it, uprolls.

This hour must come to one and to all—
How soon, who among ye shall say?
Oh! would that each be found snow-white
When freed from this cumbersome clay.

ANNIE H. PIERCE.

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She has gone to mansions bright and fair,
And her Soul will live in beauty there.
No more to suffer, no more to die,
For death cannot enter that world on high.
She has passed death scenes, thro' which
all must go
Sooner or later, but when, we do not know.
Sad is that home since the dear one has gone
And left them in sadness to weep & mourn.
They oft will miss her and wish her there
To cheer their hearts as in days of yore.
Her body will not awake—will not arise,
But her Soul will live above the skies;
She has gone to live with angels pure—
In that bright home her Soul will mature.
Her friends will meet her there—
Will see her spirit young and fair—
No more they'll part—no more will say,
Why did our darling pass away?

RUTH CARTER.

Pepperell, Mass.

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"Frauds in the Cabinet: or Lies, Mundane and Supernal."

The lecture conveys, to our mind, an idea that mortals take their heaven or hell with them when they retire from this Sphere of existence and enter the mansions they have ornamented with their thoughts and actions while in this rudamental Sphere.

We say, when man passes into the spirit realm a liar, he will remain in that condition until he learns lessons of truth—as Progression is eternal.

Man, being a hemisphere, has a corresponding hemisphere in spirit, and when they meet (the positive and negative) it produces mental action, which is the bread that comes from the heavens, of which, if a man eat or is inspired by, he can never die, but will think on forever in the Sphere of his organism and development.

In the lecture, mention is made of a book published by a Mr. Truesdale, of Syracuse, N. Y., entitled *Bottom Facts in Spiritualism*, written to establish his own eminence in fraud.

We do not perceive that it has anything to do with mediums, or that he has deceived any of the human family.

He wrote the book for common sense people, as the lecturer says he is, to buy and read, and to deceive the public.

He wrote the book to sell and obtain money, as mediums and lecturers have the right to do in this free land.

He is a fraud, why not grab him, stamp on him, tear his clothes, and put him in the caboose as the detectives do the mediums?

These public instructors are all in the same boat steering for that pile of money—some back water, while others pull with all their might, and there is danger of upsetting the boat.

The spirit world, we understand, is composed of Spheres of good and evil, and mortals live by inspiring thoughts from the circle of their desire: as the trees draw leaves, blossoms, and fruit in harmony with their class and order, they never make a mistake, neither does man—his thoughts are as the blossoms, he clothes them with his deeds, and by that fruit we know them. There is no limit to the variations of those Spheres.

Skeptics, frauds, detectives, murderers, thieves, vagabonds, all inspire thoughts by the same law; so do the righteous, the loving, the true Souls inspire thoughts by the same law:

and our highest conception is the Sphere of Love and Mercy, around which, as a center, all the virtuous Spheres revolve—loving friendship for the Souls in correspondence with us, and tender sympathy for all who suffer from whatever cause, pity and commiseration for the undeveloped Souls by whom offences must needs come.

Here is an expression from this common sense teacher, as the lecturer calls himself:—

On the one hand, our friends of the bright extreme are shrieking, "sacrilege," when we count the medium as a responsible mortal, and on the other, we have Truesdale watching every opportunity to mark us as plucked geese!

We claim that mediums are not responsible for what they say or do, when they are controlled or mesmerized, either by mortals or spirits; we can prove by demonstrated facts, that mediums are not responsible.

We once saw a mesmerist take a subject from the assembly on a stage and mesmerize him in the presence of an audience, and said to him:—

"Look at those ducks—capital shot—take the gun," handing him a cane, with which he took aim to shoot the ducks that the mesmerizer pretended to see.

He was a medium for the mesmerist's thought.

Common sense people can see very plainly, that the man was not responsible for his silly actions.

Neither is a medium in a cabinet, responsible for what appears; nor for the tinsel and gauze that is found there, or in other parts of the house—stuffed into the chimney, as it was said to be at Mrs. Pickering's seance.

We know there is no limit to the power of the spirit of man when the Mundane and Supernal Spheres are in perfect harmony, and co-operating for a particular effect—when conditions are favorable the spirits can bring anything necessary into the cabinet that will gratify their friends in this Sphere.

We know they can bring stones, moss, shells, flowers, and feathers; and they have brought a parcel from between two partitions and laid it under a curtained table, in our house, when the doors were shut.

Mediums are used by spirits to communicate thoughts from one Sphere to another, the same as an electric wire unites two cities—the wire is not responsible for the message, neither are medium.

Scientists take a suitable bar of steel and magnetize it or charge it with Electricity to form a Magnet.

When mediums are charged with spirit power they become Magnets and draw the forces of Nature together which produce wonderful phenomena that is presented to the people of earth, to-day.

This is the lecturer's address to the controls of mediums from the spirit world. He says:—

Allow us to place your medium under such conditions that he cannot commit fraud on his own part and charge it to you. We will not dictate how this will be done, but done, it must be, for every honest skeptic.

This is putting on lofty airs, demanding of the spirit world, conditions to satisfy skeptics!

We say to those who attend lec-

tures delivered for money, by men claiming to expose mediums, that they themselves draw inspiration from the Sphere of the lecturer's development.

This lecturer, this lofty individual was obsessed or controlled by deceptive, detective skeptics and Truesdale spirits, (perhaps a legion), and was not responsible for what he said or did.

But by the blossom and fruit we know his class and order.

We are what he calls an extremist, and we would not be any other.

If we did not stand on the rock of truth and justice, which is as solid as the rock of Gibraltar, we would not stand at all: and we are, no doubt, controlled by spirits of that class and order.

MRS. M. MERRICK.

THE RESULT
OF
MENTAL ACTION.

FRIENDS OF PROGRESS:—We feel that there is a power operating with us at this center, as we are willing to be used by the spirit influences who come to counsel with us.

On the first evening in August, my medium and myself sat by our altar, and we asked mental questions, as usual, expecting to receive answers from our husband and his co-workers.

We asked, "Can our friends inform us concerning the disease, Cholera?"

Answer. "Yes."

We could not imagine how we could receive this instruction, as we had not an idea what question to ask. But after the mind had whirled in various directions, without success, we said, "Can you impress our brain to write on the subject?"

Answer. "Yes."

We bid our friends, good evening, and commenced writing, thus:—

We have often thought of asking you to give us a remedy or instructions how to treat Cholera patients.

It seems to be a nervous disease; and, if so, we think, it may be like the ancient plague.

The Children of Israel became polluted by their evil doings and evil thoughts. They had transgressed the law of their God that was within themselves, and had abused Moses, their medium and guide.

Their iniquities had become offensive and degrading by their evil thoughts and deeds for many years, which produced germs of fiery, poisonous serpents in the atmosphere; and when the period arrived, and conditions were more favorable, the fiery serpents stung the people, and they died.

The Children of Israel acknowledged, to Moses, their evil doings, and asked him to make intercession with God, (who knows what God is), to destroy the fiery serpents.

Moses was directed by God or spirit influence or intelligent messengers, to make a fiery serpent, set it upon a pole, and whoever looked upon it, that was bitten, would be healed.

Earth is a Magnet, and Moses set the pole in the earth, and raised a metal, brazen, or bright serpent upon it that was a conductor of Electricity; and when the people looked at the brazen serpent, they received a shock that destroyed the fiery serpents within them, and they were healed.

The emanations from vileness of thoughts and actions may be the cause of all infectious diseases, and all crimes.

We know that good, sympathizing thoughts flowing from our mind produce effects upon other minds in the spirit realm.

Guiteau came to Quincy, Ill., the day he was released from his physical body, because of a sympathizing thought we expressed towards him before his execution.

We read an account in a paper, of a woman, confined in a lunatic asylum, being delivered of a child while laced in a straight-jacket.

We were very much shocked at the cruelties practiced on helpless humanity, and exclaimed, what is a straight-jacket?

During the next circle that we held, the spirit of a girl 13 years old, after entrancing our medium, showed us the position that a person is in when laced in a straight-jacket; and whispered in our ear:—

"My people are sorry, now."

This led us to think that it was a girl who had been victimized, and that her friends, to shield themselves from the disgrace of having an illegitimate child born in the family, had put her into an Insane Asylum, where she, thro' her mental agony, became mad; and her people, and the Doctors, and the men in authority, killed her by their infernal treatment.

The cruelties practiced upon the unfortunate victims of wrong-doing, is the cause of the confusion and in-harmony that prevails on earth.

This evening is the third of August, and a vision is presented, of an infant, and a sweet perfume as if from a lady's handkerchief, as the lady passed the medium.

We had sufficient proof that the girl belonged to what is called an upper class or order in Society.

The girl and her child still live (in spirit) and are here; and when her aristocratic people meet them on the other shore, they may call upon the rocks and hills to fall upon them and hide them from the face of their sister and her child.

As we measure to others, it will be measured to us, again. There is no blood nor prayers that can interfere with the *Law of Retribution*—it is inevitable.

Our friends have not given us any light in regard to a remedy for the cure of Cholera, other than Magnetic healing or laying on of hands.

Our experience, in 1833, when the Cholera raged in Hamilton, Canada, may be useful.

The Authorities of the Town prepared for the arrival of the dreaded disease, by establishing Quarantine at the beach five miles from the Town, and an Immigrant shed at the Lake, and a Hospital near Town. A Physician, with many high-sounding titles, was engaged.

When the monster plague arrived and this Physician was called to attend the first patient at the Hospital, the spirit of fear possessed him to such a degree that he could not see the patient, but handed the medicine in thro' the window.

This proved him incompetent for the position, and he was discharged, and Dr. Merrick, my late husband, was installed in his place.

To be Continued.

Written for The Watchman.

OUR SONGS.

Melting songs in the air,
Are afloat everywhere,
That only the spirit is hearing;
From the white sanded shore
Of the blest ever-more—
Ecstasied we list to their hearing—

'Tis the songs of sweet life
Free from earth's weary strife,
The songs of rejoicing in glory;
Whither toilers have flown,
When their labors were done,
Delightfully chanting their story.

Sweetest accents of bliss
Full of love's tenderness,
Along our dark pathway are swelling;
With the healings of peace,
As the murmurs increase,
All tear-waves of sorrow repelling.

On the balm-cherished gales,
From the fresh flowery vales,
Unfolding their heart wreaths of beauty;
Come the long silenced tones,
Of our dearly loved ones,
Who faded from sight like a dew-gem.

Vanished love-waking dreams—
How enlivening it seems
To welcome your voices from slumbers;
And to join your glad song,
As we follow along,
The echoes of life's thrilling numbers.

TRYPHENA C. PARDEE,
Ellington, N. Y.

Contributed to The Watchman.

Inspirational Appeal to the Mediums
at Merrick Hall, June 1, 1884.

Delivered by B. F. HOLBROOK.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good
tidings.—Isa. 52, 7.

It seems almost impossible to find
language to express the grandeur of
the results of a well-ordered life.

It matters not whether that person
was born in a palace, or a hovel—the
rounding out of a full-orbed life is
possible to him or her who will make
the endeavor.

To wait on suffering humanity; to
minister to the oppressed; to be a
light to the wayward; to cheer the
disconsolate; to break the news from
the star-worlds, to a slumbering peo-
ple, is the work of our Christ-like
mediums.

It is impossible to deny but that a
person possesses some talent fitting
him or her for a place of activity in a
community of Souls.

Why, then, withhold the gift you
have been endowed with? Why
smother the light that shines within
your own Soul?

You who possess this mediumistic
power, should know and feel that it is
God-given; and that it is a violation
of a sacred trust, for you to quench its
flame.

You should know that you are
God's ministering angels, to proclaim
that which is revealed to you.

You are the ministering spirits
whose duty it is to break the bread to
starving Souls—the reflecting of a
light into that almost impenetrable
darkness which hangs between the
seen and the unseen: it is your duty
to ascend the mountain for higher

truths—yea, scaling the highest peak
for spiritual truths.

You should never be content to
abide in the vallies—but should as-
cend higher to get a more extended
range, for altitude clarifies the vision.

In consideration of the world's
great sorrows and bereavements, and
the darkness that hovers over the
tomb; in consideration of the icy
hand of infidelity, and the midnight
gloom of Materialism, you dare not
refuse to be a co-worker in your
Father's vineyard.

Are you too proud and ashamed to
speak a kind word, or do a kind deed
to cheer the drooping heart?

You tell me, people mock you and
laugh at you and scorn you and say
that you are in league with the devil?

Let me tell you that Christ, the
son of the living God, was accused the
same.

Are you greater than your Master?
Do you expect to be treated with
more respect, by a fault-finding, nar-
row-minded, bigoted world?

I tell you, nay.

Then be more manly and womanly,
individualizing your efforts, letting
your light so shine that the world
may take knowledge of you, that you
are of the royal Priesthood, Kings
and Queens of the Spiritual Temple,
light-reflecting orbs in the constella-
tion of Truth and Reform.

Is not the language of Isaiah ap-
plicable to you: VIZ.:—

"Shine, for thy light has come and
the glory of the Lord has arisen upon
thee."

Did you see that mother standing
by that man-made grave, with her
heart full of sorrow—her little babe
had been buried from her sight, in
the cold ground, it seemed that her
heart would break.

Her idolized babe, her bud of
promise, her beautiful rose of life
drooped and died—who shall tell her
but you:—

"That an angel form unseen,
Walks the earth in silent tread;
And bears our best loved ones away,
And then we call them dead."

The drooping heart in its sorrow,
weeping in the silent watches of the
night, when no eye beholds and no
heart can sympathize. Then is your
hour come when you shall manifest
unto them, and point them to a light
beyond the tomb.

Then will we prize the inspiration
Coming fresh like crystal dew
From the bright home of the spirit
Borne to us, by such as you.

Where is the true, Christ-like me-
dium who is willing to step forth
panoplied in the armor of truth, and
part the veil that shuts out of sight
the Summer-land of Souls?

How can you withhold, from mor-
tals, the great boon that giveth joy
and comfort, when it is in your pow-
er to give?

Then, go and proclaim the glad
tidings to the whole world; tell them
that their loved ones who went hence,
are here to commune with them, if
they will open their hearts to receive
their messages of love; that they will
make glad their hearts with the story
of their redemption from earth's woes
and pains; telling them of their
beautiful homes on the bright hills of
glory; of their walks thro' everglades
of fadeless green, in that Summer-
land of immortality and love.

Who is the person within the hear-
ing of my voice, who possesses a kind
and loving heart and this gift of me-
diumistic power who dares to refuse
the cup of cheer, and the promise of a
future life.

My brothers and sisters, look be-
yond this veil of tears, where, thro'-
out eternities, there shall be voiced,
by the multitude of white-robed an-
gels, the words and acts of your mor-
tal life for the GOOD OF HUMANITY.

Written for The Watchman.

A FEW QUERIES TO C. HOLLAND.

There is an old saying, that "there's
nothing new under the Sun," and if
this is so, I would like to ask Mr.
Holland, why it is that spirits, who
are now so plentiful and so helpful in
healing the sick, and warning friends
of disasters, and, in various ways, do-
ing things to help humanity—have
not done all this just as freely 100,000
years ago, as now? And why are
they not doing 10,000 times more
good than they, at present, accom-
plish?

Why do they not give us the secret
of making the preparations they so
lavishly poured on the medium's head,
as recorded in Mr. Holland's article
in THE WATCHMAN of July 1884?

Why do not some of the great
Physicians, who have "passed on",
and who, of course, still feel the same
old interest in the study of medicine,
tell us of some new cures—cures for
Cholera, and Hydrophobia; cures for
Drunkenness, and Tobacco habits?

It seems to me, if I followed a pro-
fession for 10,000 years, I would be
so well versed in it, as to be able to
give to the world some grand, new,
and wonderful results that would
convince the most skeptical, that I
still lived.

If this "Sister" would have given
Mr. Holland the recipe for this mar-
velous elixir of life, and taught him
how to use it, he would not only have
been enabled to do great good to hu-
manity, but have won, for himself,
honor, glory, and immense wealth.

Wealth, in good hands, is a great
power for Progress and Happiness.

ELMINA D. SLENKER.
Snowville, Pulaski Co., Va.

[Will some Spiritualist please an-
swer the above questions for Elmina
D. Slenker.—ED.]

TO FRIENDS.

I am intending to go to New York,
in September, hoping to see some-
thing of Spiritualism. I never even
heard a rap.

Many have, for years, urged me to
go. I have at last consented to do so,
if a few who wish it, will help pay
the expense.

Any one ordering of me, Books
from my advertised list, [See Elmina's
Advertisement on eighth page], will
be aiding in the enterprise.

Those who cannot help in time for
it to reach me in September, can send
it so it will help while I am there.

I intend to write up what I see, for

the Press and thus make some return
for funds invested.

I shall go with as little prejudice as
possible, and simply as a learner, who
learns that she may teach others.

Please select a book or two and
thus aid and encourage investigation,
progress, and light.

ELMINA D. SLENKER.
Snowville, Pulaski Co., Va.

LAW OF LIFE.

I want to be a worker,
And with the workers stand;
The law of right within me,
Engraven on my hand.

The law of sexual knowledge
And power of self-control;
These are the powers to save us,
And purify the Soul.

I want a light to guide me
And lead me on to-day;
And not the power of Darkness—
Old ignorance to stay—

Lurking in some damp corner—
A serpent vile is he—
Naught but Blessed spirit influence
Can cause this curse to flee.

Oh! I do want a knowledge
To work out law that's known;
By those who passed from earth life
And dwell in the spiritual zone.

Where everything is governed
By law both just and good—
Immutable, unmovable
By any prayer or plea;
This knowledge and this power,
This is the law for me.

MARY BARLING HUNT.
Hillhurst, Pierce Co., Wash. Ter'y.

Editor of The Watchman:—

Your very kind and sisterly favor
came duly to hand, and simultane-
ously, a package of THE WATCHMAN.
Many thanks.

I have read and re-read them, and
wish to read them more.

The CONTRASTS OF LIFE are, in
my estimation, "Pure Gold." There
is in the whole matter, a thread of
Science and Philosophy that explains
much, very much, that is dark to us.
And I hope that you will go on with
your good work, receiving renewed
strength and vigor.

I returned, on Sunday, from Stur-
gis, Mich., where they had a two-day's
meeting. Oh! such a grand time as
they had. The speakers were Bros.
H. P. Fairfield, A. B. French, Giles
B. Stebbens, and Mrs. Piersall. The
attendance was not as large as on for-
mer occasions, but the thoughts were
grand.

I was very glad to receive the pack-
age, you may rest assured. I wish I
could send you a hundred subscribers,
but this town is so strongly impreg-
nated with "Orthodoxy", that it needs
the united efforts of the whole "East-
ern Spiritual Congress" to work a
change in them. But as soon as I can,
I intend to get some good mediums
here, and upturn some of their seem-
ing strongholds.

Wishing you the most abundant
success, I am yours for Humanity.

E. S. EDMUNDS.
La Grange, Ind.

